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Salinas Laborers Report Increase In Work, Chiefly in South County

Employment opportunities for members of Salinas Laborers Union 272, which has jurisdiction from Salinas south to the San Luis Obispo County line, have increased with continued dry weather and more and more jobs are being filled, Business Agent Wray D. Empie reports.

HENNING DINES, SPEAKS TO BIG SALINAS CLASS

John F. Henning, research director for the California State Federation of Labor, was guest of labor and school officials last Thursday night prior to his talk before a big crowd at the Labor-Management course at Hartnell College Library in Salinas.

Henning spoke on labor's side of worker-employer relations, answering questions from the crowd from time to time and at conclusion of his talk.

Hosts at the dinner party for Henning were Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Carpenters Union 925; Dr. Van D. Kennedy, of University of California, moderator for the labor school class; C. I. Bentley, head of Salinas Evening School, and others.

Laborers 690 Write Bosses Of Health Plan

Letters have been sent by Laborers Union 690 of Monterey to employers in regard to the new welfare plan of the union and to announce that a central office is to be set up soon to handle the fund.

George E. Jenkins, secretary-treasurer of the union, was in San Francisco over the week-end for the District Council of Laborers, at which welfare plan progress was to be reported. His letter to employers here reads in part:

"The wage scales and working conditions of this Local Union are established by contractual relation with the Associated General Contractors in conjunction with the Local Home Builders Association and other local contractors' associations through negotiation with the Northern California District Council of Laborers. After a contract has been signed by these employer groups and the union, it is recognized by all government agencies and independent contractors. This has been in effect for a great number of years in this area; therefore, we are notifying you that in June of 1952 our contract called for an employer contribution of 7½¢ per hour per man be paid for our members effective February 1, 1953, into a welfare fund.

"A central office will be set up in the next few weeks to handle this fund; the fund and office to be administered jointly by the union and the employers. You will be no-

Bulk of calls for men are in the southern part of the county, Empie added. Some of the projects are:

Twelve new homes started in the Goheen Construction Co. tract in Gonzales, where the firm plans to erect 26 homes in the next few months.

Pouring of concrete by Granite Construction Co. at the low-rent housing projects in Gonzales, 26 units in all under Barry Richards, general contractor.

Installation of water mains and service lines by Haas Construction Co. in Gonzales.

Foundations and floors being poured for the new school in Gonzales, Taylor and Vale, contractors.

Work on the new warehouse project at the state prison in Soledad, where Granite Construction Co. is doing concrete foundations.

Sewers and paving near completion at the new low-cost housing project in Soledad.

In Spreckles, Raymond Concrete Pile Co. is completing their part of the big silo project and laborers are busy on excavation work. Two or three shifts will be used to finish the two silos (for sugar syrup) before the sugar pack starts.

Bids are to be opened on March 12 for construction of two overpasses, at Market and Alisal streets, for the new Highway 101 project in Salinas, Dan Caputo, contractor, is pouring concrete for the N. Main street overpass.

Also in Salinas, walls are being erected for the new auto parts storehouse on Abbott street, under J. & M. Contracting Co. The Salinas low-cost housing project is progressing rapidly.

Foster Arranging For B.A. Meeting

After discussion of the advantages of holding meetings of business agents and union secretaries regularly between council sessions, the Building Trades Council of Monterey County last week instructed its secretary, Harry Foster, to arrange for a business agent meeting as soon as possible.

All agents of affiliated unions will be informed of time and place of the meeting, spokesmen said. The meeting will be in form of a luncheon and mutual problems will be discussed unofficially.

Ft. Worth (LPA)—M. M. McKnight, ITU local 198 and vice president of the Texas Federation of Labor, is a candidate for reelection to city council for a third term.

tified of the address of this office as soon as it is established."

CULINARY-BAR STATE COUNCIL MEETS IN S.F.

Secretaries of all culinary and bartender unions in California met with the executive board of the California State Council of Culinary Workers and Bartenders in San Francisco last weekend for a legislative report and summary.

J. H. Morgan, secretary of San Jose Bartenders Union 577 and state vice-president for this district (No. 8) of the State Council, attended the secretaries' meeting and the council's separate session later.

Bills discussed at the meetings included many proposed measures which would seriously harm the two crafts, bills such as the proposed Sunday closing of bars, regulation of girls selling drinks (an effort to control B-girls), and changes in the requirement that bars must sell food.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, and Clarence Todd, Federation attorney, were guests and speakers at the secretary meeting, giving a general picture of bills considered good and bad for all organized labor in the state.

Carpenters Erect Cross for Drive

Union carpenters donated time and effort last Saturday to erect the big cross which records the one-day fund campaign of the American Red Cross in Salinas.

Led by Bus. Agt. Harvey Baldwin, the carpenters of Local 925 spent much of the morning putting up the cross in the downtown area, donating their services at the request of Ed Adams, fund drive coordinator.

Carp. Apprentice Named to Confab

John Adams, apprentice carpenter of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, has been designated by the union to attend the convention of the California State Council of Carpenters this weekend in Stockton.

Adams, well known by the membership of Local 925, was injured in a traffic accident recently and has been unable to do carpenter work. He will attend the State Apprentice Council session as well as the Carpenters' convention, according to Bus. Agt. Harvey Baldwin of Local 925.

Wind Halts Fishing Boats

High winds last week kept anchovy fishing boats in Monterey close to harbor but the fleet was able to sail on Friday in an effort to keep the operating plants supplied with anchovies. Union officials said work was slow last week with only fish left from the previous week for packing.

AFL LAUNCHES 1954 POLITICAL DRIVE TO ELECT LABOR FRIENDS

(AFL Release)

Miami, Fla.—The American Federation of Labor launched an intensive and invigorated political drive to elect friends of labor to Congress in 1954 as the administrative committee of Labor's League for Political Education met here.

The outstanding decisions of the committee were as follows:

1. To conduct annual campaigns among AFL members for political contributions beginning this year, at the rate of \$1 per member.

2. To create a women's division in the league to stimulate greater support for labor's political objectives among wives and relatives of union members, as well as among women workers.

3. To keep close watch on developments and voting records in the present Congress for the guidance of the league in determining which members to support and to oppose in the 1954 campaign.

PRESENTS ANALYSIS

George Meany was elected chairman of the LLPE, and William Schnitzler secretary-treasurer.

James L. McDevitt, director of the league, presented a detailed analysis of the 1952 election results which emphasized that labor districts in most of the cities of the nation heavily supported candidates endorsed by the league.

His analysis also showed that Eisenhower's victory was largely a personal one, that the Congressional elections did not parallel the trend to Eisenhower, and that even though Eisenhower was elected overwhelmingly, labor did not lose any ground in the Senate, and a possible 19 in the House. The exact situation in the House will be determined by the record in this session.

McDevitt said that the past policy had been to maintain membership campaigns only in election years, with an educational policy carried on in the others. He said that it had been decided that a continued campaign for membership will be more effective. McDevitt declared that it was not wise to permit the main machinery of league operations to stand idle and rust. It should be kept in action.

EYE WOMEN'S VOTE

McDevitt declined to try to estimate the amount that will be raised this year. He stressed the method, which will be to have local unions collect the membership funds, send them to the internationals, with the internationals then turning the money over to the league. The league will turn back to the state at least 50 per cent of the money collected in each state.

Much interest was shown in the need for political activity among the women. All polls and analyses showed that the women overwhelmingly supported Eisenhower. Past operations weren't sufficiently effective in reaching enough of the women.

The new plans will operate through existing local and state-wide auxiliaries, and where necessary, additional auxiliaries will be set up. The job in each case will be to help women to realize that labor's objectives are no different from their own, that both want to see that working people get adequate wages and have good working conditions, and that their general economic and social life is protected. The effort must be made to make it plain to women that their attitude is like that of labor on issues that have to do with such matters as education, health, unemployment, prices, taxes, etc. **GOMPERS' PHILOSOPHY**

Meany, asked by a correspondent

to state labor's purpose in political action, said that labor's primary purpose in any activity is to see that labor got a fair share of what it produces. Secondly, labor seeks to apply in a practical way the philosophy laid down by Samuel Gompers that labor must reward its friends and defeat its enemies.

In 1947, said Meany, labor learned forcibly that all of the gains made on the economic front could be wiped out by a hostile Congress and state legislatures. Labor found then that it was absolutely necessary that it get into politics if it was to hold on to any of its gains made in the economic field.

The big job of labor, said Meany, is to educate the people of the country so that they realize that the objectives of labor are the kind that will benefit all Americans. It must be shown to the people that what labor has so far been successful in accomplishing has been a greater contribution to the general welfare of the whole nation than any other group, including big business. These have been contributions, he said, that include such measures as the establishment of the public school system.

Labor has no desire to create a political instrumentality to run the government, said Meany. Labor wants men elected who are not hostile to labor, who have the interests of the working men and all the people at heart. Labor, he declared, wants to protect its gains in the economic field, but it also can act on the realization that its objectives are for the good of the nation and the world.

New Office Hours For John Grisin

Offices of Plumbers Union 62 of Monterey and of the union business agent, John Grisin, will be open from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and from 4 to 5 p.m. daily except Saturday and Sunday, until further notice.

Grisin said change in office hours was necessitated since the union no longer has a full-time office secretary.

E. A. Garver, member of Monterey Plumbers Union 62, passed away suddenly on Feb. 13 after attending a union meeting. Friends said he succumbed in his car as he was starting home.

Benefit Game For Boys Camp Set March 11

Two Pacific Coast League baseball clubs will play at Salinas on Wednesday night, March 11, in a special benefit game to raise funds for the Boys Summer Camp of the Salinas Optimist Club.

Jimmie Butler, secretary of Barbers Union 827 and Boys Work chairman for the club, has been named co-chairman for the benefit game, working with Foster Clarke.

Tickets for the game, \$1.25 for adults, 25¢ for children, are on sale at Butler's barber shop. Both clubs will have their 1953 first teams here for the game, Butler said.

Monterey CLC Asks Labor Day Parade Advice

All unions in the Monterey area were asked last week by the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council to write the council at once expressing their attitude toward a possible Labor Day Parade this year.

Council Secretary Royal E. Hallmark said delegates have suggested such a parade by unions on the Peninsula and that advice is needed at once from unions, if a parade is to be arranged.

Last such parade in Monterey

was in 1940 but several organizations have special individual celebrations on labor day. The thought has been advanced that all such celebrations might be preceded by a general morning Labor Day Parade this year, with respective groups traveling to their own or to a single big celebration afterwards.

Hallmark asked that communications from union officers be sent to him at the Monterey Peninsula

Labor Council, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey.

At the last council meeting, Mrs. Edith Musgrove, leader in civilian defense programs, addressed the council briefly and urged volunteers to serve as "airplane spotters" in the defense program, to help guard against surprise enemy attack. Members of unions wishing to volunteer will not be asked to serve more than two hours a day. Volunteers may enroll by calling 2-3269.

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BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 2348 Hedding St., San Jose, phone AXminster 6-7143; office, 84 S. First St., San Jose.

BARBERS 927—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., Jim Foster, 355 Main St., phone 8746; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec., Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

BRICK MASONS—Meets 2nd Tues., Monterey, 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First, Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., 320 Hoffman St., Monterey; 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Caminos Hotel, Salinas. Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, ph. 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, ph. Mont. 2-3002; Office, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, ph. 5-6744.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 5-3849; Main office, 45 Santa Teresa Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0252.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3, phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small, office 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone Diamond 4-7609.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall, Pres., Carl Helms; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin; Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall, Pres., M. D. Williamson, Greenfield, phone 73-W; Fin. Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 S. San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W; Bus. Agt., Jack Swart, Box 724, King City, Office, 225 Bassett St., King City, phone 197.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd Tuesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Kay Nelson, 32 Paloma St., phone 5187; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Roy E. Brayton, 323 1/2 Central, phone 5418; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Wm. Pilliar, 23 Prunedale Rd., phone 9902; Office, 323 1/2 Central, phone 5416.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Tom Eide, 778 Hawthorne Monterey, phone 56722; V.-Pres., Joe Knight, phone Wats. 49403; Sec.-Treas., Leo Thiltgen, 778 Hawthorne, Monterey, phone 56725.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. A. Wood; Sec.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark, office in Glikberg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 7787.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday, Pres., Merlin Davis, 517 Roosevelt St.; Fin. Sec., Claudia Statten; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday; Executive Board 3rd Wednesday; 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres., Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Dick H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro Street, phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Room 457, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393; Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNDERhill 1-135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issel, office 257 Fifth St., Richmond, Calif., phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec.-Treas. and Branch Agt., Chas. Snyder, P. O. Box 97, Moss Landing, phone Castrovilla 5701.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. H. Eakin, 46 Barbara Place, phone 2-4465; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. J. Clark; Asst. Bus. Agt., Virgil C. Knight; office, Room 18, Glikberg Bldg., 6 W. Gabilan St., phone 6209.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Foresters Hall, Pres., Carl G. Jones, Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777; Bus. Agt., Wray D. Empe, Labor Temple, 1177 Pajaro, phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 513, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec. & B. A., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson, Salinas, ph. 2-2906.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 Second Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossa, 59 1st Ave., Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336; Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday, Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Alex Day, 611 Towt St., phone 2-3775; Fin. Sec., Ed McLean, 262 Noice Dr.; Rec. Sec., C. C. Stover, 537 Green St.; Bus. Agt., Earl Choate, office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-0835.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 84 (Union Offices)—Meets on call, Headquarters 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Jeannette Zaccoli.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Otis Sleeper, 235 E. San Luis, phone 2-2907; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1130 1/2 Acosta, phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., 417 Lincoln Office, Labor Temple, phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 2nd Weds., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and B.A., Carl Smith, home phone 2-2565; office, Labor Temple, phone 6777.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., R. K. Mills; Rec. Sec., A. Bianchini; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., E. R. Arbuckle, Office, Labor Temple, phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., John Ball, 636 Central, phone 2-2961.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Assts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas even months, Monterey odd months; Pres., Edward C. Bey, 205 Dodoro, phone 2-4428; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Meders, 217 Maryal Dr., Salinas, phone 2-1102.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 624; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harold F. Miller, 205 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Fred O. Davis, 240 Plateau Ave., S. Cruz, phone 4330-R.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castrovilla, Pres., John Alsop, Pacific Grove, phone Monterey 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opter, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone, Monterey 5-6744.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Monday, Spreckels Fire Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Joseph Linden, 303 3rd St., phone 2-3078; Sec.-Treas., Robert MacRossa, 59 1st St., phone 3064.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets 3rd Monday Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, Apt. 33, Pajaro Circle, phone 2-3682.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 1st Thursday, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Sinky, 105 19th St., P. G.; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen Wilkerson; Office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Shedo Russo, 457 Clay St., Monterey, ph. 2-4472; Rec. Sec., A. H. Finley, ph. Salinas 2-2261; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, Bx. 584, Watsonville, ph. 4-5610; Bus. Agt., Ray A. Beck, 513 McKenzie St., Watsonville, ph. 4-6127.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., alternating at Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., L. A. Spencer, Salinas; Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 4-3217.

Teachers Local 866 Offers Assistance On Tenure Problems

Teachers are advised by the chairman of the Personnel Policies Committee that those teachers who feel they will have problems connected with their tenure should get in touch with him immediately. The Federation of Teachers has long championed a policy of dismissal for cause, and the way has been smoothed with organized labor for a total defense of teachers who feel they are being dismissed unjustly.

Since such cases require preparation, your chairman asks that notice be given as soon as there is any indication. Although we intend to defend all teachers who have been unjustly accused, the teachers' attorney must be in a position to counter with facts. Such facts should be in the hands of your chairman as early as possible.—Federation Newsletter.

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BARBERS 925—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Paul Mercurio, Carmel; Rec. Sec., L. I. Boyns; Fin. Sec., James O. Jolley, 113 McNear, phone 2-1127.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St. 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Robt. S. Harrington, Box 539, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4745; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Royal E. Hallmark, Office at 315, Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6734.

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CALIF. BUILDING & CONSTR. TRADES COUNCIL—Pres., Otto E. Never; Gen. Sec., James F. Ward, 1095 Market St., San Francisco; Monterey vice-pres., L. T. Long, 117 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.

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CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy S. Sutton; Fin. Sec., R. A. Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314; Rec. Sec., Leo Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, phone 2-0335; B. A., Tom Eide, office, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, phone 5-6726; home phone 2-3022.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday, 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m. Pres., J. W. Abraham, 138 19th, P. G., phone 5-4536; F.n. Sec., M. N. Irwin, ph. 2-0493; Sec. Sec., V. Perez, phone 2-0517; B.A., P. Roy Hasty, Forest and Morse Sts., P. G., phone 5-4632.

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FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Joe Perry Jr., Phoenix Ave., Seaside, phone 2-5470; Sec., Roy Humbrecht, 122 18th, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1644; Bus. Agt., Lester A. Caveny, 922 Cypress, Seaside, phone 2-4023; Headquarters, 320 Hoffman, phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall, Pres., Michael Youlden; Sec.-Treas., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St. Office and hall, 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

LABORERS 890—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 320 Hoffman, 8 p.m. Pres., Perry M. Luce, 1251 David; Sec. and Bus. Agt., George E. Jenkins, Box 142, Monterey; office, 320 Hoffman, phone 2-8456.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 512, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec. and B. A., Ronald Hodges, Wilson, Salinas, ph. 22906.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley Pacific Grove, phone 5-5689; Sec., Dorris Lake.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday, 2 p.m., 135 W. Franklin. Pres., Louis B. Walker, 589 Ocean View, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1577; Sec., Don B. Forster, office, 135 W. Franklin, phone 5-6166; Bus. Agt., Fred Storer, 345 Alexander, Salinas, phone 2-0579.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Fred E. Ask, 230 Montecito, phone 5-5864; office, 320 Hoffman St., phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 320 Hoffman St. Pres., Otto Rodley; Sec. and Bus. Agt., T. B. Ellis, 739 Noche Buena, Seaside, phone 2-1703; office, 320 Hoffman, phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Pres., Gerald L. Walton, 334 Mapple Ave., phone 2-6719; Rec. Sec., Paul P. Hazdevac, P. O. Box 11, Carmel; Sec.-Bus. Agt., John Grisin, office 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-7580.

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GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Sinky, 105 19th St., P. G.; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen L. Wilkerson, Main office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743; Mont. office, 778 Hawthorne St., phone 2-0124.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION 759—Meets 3rd Friday, Bartenders Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Cecil D. Starnes, 1071 Cass St., ph. 2-6156; Sec., A. B. Rotter, 412 La Vina, ph. 5-5406.

AFL and CIO Join To Fight Anti-Labor Bills in Oregon

Salem, Ore. (LPA)—A bill to ban the union shop, as well as the closed shop, and to prohibit organizational picketing has been introduced in the Oregon legislature. It provides for injunctions and recovery of damages arising from violations of the act.

Termed a "right to work" measure by its nine sponsors, it says no person shall be denied work as result of membership or lack of membership in a union. AFL and CIO unions joined forces in opposing the measure.

Another bill, opposed as by labor as "just an entering wedge for a sales tax," would repeal the state's constitutional provision that assures referendum for any tax measure passed by the legislature. State Federation of Labor Secretary James T. Marr and Industrial Union Council Secretary George Brown are leading the fight against a bill which, in effect, would destroy the whole system of initiative and referendum.

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Retail Prices Drop But Wholesale Food Prices Go Up

New York (LPA)—While the Bureau of Labor Statistics was reporting a drop of 1 percent in retail food prices for the last half of January, Dun & Bradstreet was reporting a rise in wholesale food prices.

BLS said food prices were 2 percent below prices at the end of 1952. Dun & Bradstreet reported wholesale food prices went up 6 cents in the week ended Feb. 10.

Chicago (LPA)—Entertainment, dancing and "the usual delicious refreshments"—all free—marked the 16th annual party of the "L" Federal Credit Union, whose members are AFL streetcarman.

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Secretary Kenyon attended the Safety Conference held in Los Angeles on the 13th and 14th and was happy to hear that a bill is being submitted (by a recommendation of this union) that all drivers hauling field labor and driving farm equipment on the highways must have a chauffeurs license. As you know, there are many serious accidents in this area each year due to many of these drivers who have no qualification whatsoever to be allowed on the road.

Leaving Los Angeles on Sunday, Brother Kenyon drove to El Centro with Secretary Silverton of Local 898, to make a study of the lettuce dry pack operation and took several rolls of film so that we might be more familiar with this operation. Carey McWilliams, author of *Factories in the Field*, should see the new methods of packing lettuce. Seems that it is another step of progress and although it will put many people out of work temporarily, it is something we must face and do everything we can to eliminate the Mexican National from coming here to do the work that belongs to our American citizens, it is certainly going to upset the entire economic setup in our produce areas if we allow these people to come in and take the work, and then take our money into Mexico where we have no return for it, while our people are being forced on relief. This is a situation we are not going to run away from.

Brother Duncan and Brother Burditt attended Legislative meeting in San Francisco Saturday.

News Item: Brother Vaughn Chitwood has been released from the hospital and will be back working again. We have a brother at the County Hospital who was employed at the Poultry Producers—Brother Jesus Partida would like very much if his friends would visit him. Visiting days are Thursday and Sunday.

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First prize is \$250, second is \$100 and third is \$50. A special prize of \$100, if warranted, will go to a contestant who has won the Congressional Medal of Honor in Korea. If local AVC chapters decide to offer local prizes, these will be announced by the chapters. Entries are limited to 2,500 words, must be in the national AVC office, 1751 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington 9, D. C., before midnight April 7, 1953.

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days between 3 and 4 in the afternoon.

We wish to extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Twieselman—they are the proud parents of an 8-pound boy.

What to Do About It

By I. B. PADWAY

This is not a story about the decline and fall of the Roman Empire, but it does parallel historically that episode. This is the story of the decline and fall of social legislation in this, the greatest democracy of all in the history of the world.

When, as a youngster I first emigrated to the United States, I came from a monarchy where I was born. At the age of 11, I left Leeds, Yorkshire, England, to live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I remember the lack of sanitary facilities by the poor. I remember sweat shops and child labor. I remember the large drain on Welfare Agencies of the State by the poor and the indigent.

As I look back at those days, I also remember the advent of labor union contracts which protected a person's job based on his seniority. I remember the abolition of sweat shops and child labor. Yes, I even remember that great man-made "crash" of the financial structure of the United States in 1929 when millionaires of yesterday were selling apples for subsistence the day after.

Then came the advent of social legislation, good legislation designed to eliminate poverty and to afford every citizen of the United States a modicum of protection as far as his well-being was concerned. It was enacted so that citizens could receive part of the benefits which they themselves poured into the coffers of the government as a means of protection against the day when misfortune might fall without having to resort to charity and the public dole.

Old Age Pensions, Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, Federal Housing, Farm Loans, Workmen's Compensation, and numerous other benefits enacted by far-seeing legislative bodies were put into effect. This spelled a healthy government.

But alas and alack! We are now witnessing the greatest decline of social legislation in the history of the country. The average worker employed by the Federal, state, or municipal governments, who plays any part in the administration of social agencies is not primarily interested with the reason for the creation of this social legislation. He is usually more interested in devising ways and means of denying benefits to those persons who are entitled to receive them from these agencies.

The person who is unfortunate enough to have to resort to these agencies suddenly finds that he is looked upon as a criminal and a thief for making any request for funds to which he himself has contributed.

Old people are denied their Old Age Pensions, because they may

have a dollar or two more than what the law allows them to have under the act. Unemployment insurance has been so emasculated and amended that the original act is hardly recognizable. The old doctrine and theory that a person is innocent until he is proven guilty is just in reverse when it applies to those people who seek to obtain their Social Security benefits.

Every person who makes application for Old Age, Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, Workmen's Compensation, Disability Benefits, Widows' Pensions, and Veterans' Pensions is always subject to the whims of department employees, whose attitude is that every person seeking the benefit is fraudulent, guilty of obtaining the same unwarrantedly and is not entitled to the benefits until he proves he is innocent and deserving.

If these various agencies were to cut down their personnel and use some of the funds allocated to administrative procedures for payment of benefits, there are many people who are not receiving benefits today who could receive them tomorrow out of the funds that are being squandered to pay the salaries of excess personnel.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT? Remember your God-given privilege, exercise your right to vote and elect men and women to public office who think of the common citizen rights, rather than swelling the coffers of big business.

House Bill Seeks Income Tax 'Break' For Working Mothers

Washington (LPA)—A bill to permit the nation's nine million working mothers to claim as an income tax deduction the money spent for care of their children while they are at work has been introduced by Rep. Kenneth Roberts (D, Ala.).

The bill would permit a deduction of up to \$40 a week for all ordinary and reasonable expenses incurred in providing care for any children under 16 years of age who live at home.

The deduction would apply only to mothers who have an income of less than \$6000 a year, plus \$500 for each child under 16. It would become effective for 1953 income tax returns.

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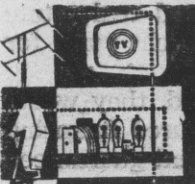
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Wages and Production

The President's Council of Economic Advisers, in a little-noted part of their annual report, said that "contrary to the common impression," real hourly earnings of workers in manufacturing "apparently have lagged significantly" behind the nation's output per worker since World War II.

This repeats in different words the well-documented demand of the AFL Executive Council for wage increases for American workers based on the 13.2 per cent increase in the U. S. private economy from 1949 through 1952.

Big Business has always argued that high wages cause high prices. This has been their usual cry. But now even the National Association of Manufacturers admits that productivity has increased substantially. They don't say so in as many words, but they practically agree that wages lag behind prices—and not vice versa, as they and their cohorts have been insisting.

But all this—important though it is—is not so important as the fact, as shown by the Executive Council report, that higher wages for American workers is the nation's best insurance against a major depression in 1954 or 1955.

Increased wages mean an increase in buying power—in keeping the economy healthful and active.

Financing Homes

One of the main arguments made by those who want to raise interest rates on government-guaranteed FHA and GI home loans is that the veterans aren't being given loans at the low rates anyway. They say that the lending institutions use their money at much more profitable rates than the FHA 4¾ and GI 4 per cent.

But the fact is that almost 300,000 GI homes were financed in the last year at 4 per cent.

And other hundreds of thousands of FHA homes were financed at 4¾ per cent.

Furthermore, as the Washington Star quotes an observer, "Have you seen any delegations of veterans protesting against the present interest rate, or against the alleged shortage of GI mortgage money? I haven't."

Other facts that the building, banking, and real estate lobbies conveniently forget to mention in their push for higher interest rates follow:

If FHA and GI interest rates were boosted, they would act to increase rates on conventional non-insured financing—since the latter are not so safe as government-guaranteed mortgages.

If FHA and GI loan rates were increased, these mortgages would be more competitive with government bonds, thus increasing the costs of handling the national debt.

Anyway, the average veteran cannot afford to pay more than 4 per cent for home loans.

An increase of just one-half of one per cent amounts to thousands of dollars in loan payments on a 20-year or 25-year mortgage.

Everything's OK, It Says Here

President Charles Shattuck of the National Association of Real Estate Boards says the association is fighting to have the whole public housing program liquidated because "realtors, builders, and mortgage bankers of America can and do provide adequate housing for every segment of our population."

Evidently, families with low wages and elderly persons on low pensions who live in poorly-heated, poorly-ventilated, cramped quarters situated in dirty neighborhoods while searching for decent housing don't know the meaning of the word "adequate."

Or could it be NAREB is ignorant of what it means?

Unorganized—and Weak

Here's further proof that working men and women gain dollar-and-cent benefits when they join trade unions:

The Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division of the Department of Labor reports that unorganized workers benefit the most from its investigation of establishments violating minimum wage and child labor laws.

In short, since their bargaining power with unfair employers is almost negligible, non-union workers bear the brunt of underpayments and overwork.



Frank Edwards SAYS:

Washington, D. C.

● Ticklish Finance:

Recently Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey announced the government was going to increase the interest rate on the \$9 billion of short-term government loans which fall due this month. From now on, Uncle Sam will pay about ½ of one percent more interest for the money he borrows. The really important aspect of the matter is this: The present national debt is \$267 billion; ¾ of that amount must be refinanced during the next 5 years. If this higher interest rate is extended to the entire refinancing program, the American public will be saddled with an extra six and a quarter billion dollars per year of debt in the form of increased interest payments on the national debt. This is a very ticklish piece of business . . . particularly at this time when the American consumers and small businessmen have mortgaged their anticipated future incomes to the tune of more than \$24 billion worth of installment purchases of goods which have been sold, but which have not yet been paid for.

● Medical Trust Wrong Again:

Military medical authorities admitted that many wounded servicemen in Korea have been infected with hepatitis through injections of blood plasma bearing the virus. Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver which often leads to jaundice. Military records show that about ¼ of the seriously wounded men who have received the infected blood plasma have developed the liver ailment. Both military and civilian medical researchers say they have found no way to sterilize the plasma to kill the hepatitis virus. More than a year ago, Dr. Robert Lincoln of West Medford, Mass., warned that hepatitis would break out among the troops in Korea from the use of infected plasma. Dr. Lincoln, who is being persecuted by the medical trust, was denounced for his warning. Now his predictions are corroborated from Korea.

● Rah-Rah Cheers Not Enough:

John Hannah, the President's nominee for Pentagon manpower boss, declared there is too much truth in the charge that the rich man's son goes to college while the poor man's son goes to Korea. Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey says that freshmen seeking deferment should be required to stand in the top quarter of their classes and should have to score 75 or better in their draft qualification tests. In other words, if they seek deferment because they are students, they should be able to prove that they are getting results from their studies.

JOKES, Etc.

The way of the world is to make laws, but follow customs.—Montaigne.

The eccentric man walked into the restaurant and sat down at a table.

"What will you have, sir?" the waiter asked.

The customer shook his head. "Not a thing," he replied. "I'm not hungry."

The waiter stared. "Then what is the idea," he grumbled, "of coming in here?"

The customer shrugged nonchalantly. "It's very simple," he explained. "This is my lunch hour."

"I wonder if you would be so kind as to weigh this package for me?" asked the customer in the meat market.

"Certainly," agreed the butcher, placing it on the scales. "Weighs exactly three pounds."

"Thank you. It contains the bones you sent me in the four-pound roast yesterday."

A widow and widower, each with two small children, got married and were blessed with a couple more of their own. One evening a loud noise was heard in the rumpus room. The mother went to

see what was happening and returned hastily, shouting:

"Come quick, Henry; your children and my children are beating heck out of our children."

They tell me an optimist laughs to forget, and a pessimist forgets to laugh.

Some folks think they're bearing their cross when they're only putting up with themselves.

Jed Summers says if you've missed the boat, there's not much use waiting for your ship to come in.

Tenant: "The people upstairs are very inconsiderate. Last night they stamped and banged on the floor after midnight."

Landlord: "Did they keep you awake?"

Tenant: "No, as it happened, I was still up practicing on my tuba."

John: "Whisper those three little words that will make me walk on air."

Mary: "Go hang yourself."

They asked an explorer this: "Will wild beasts in the jungle harm you if you carry a torch?" "It all depends," he answered, "on how fast you carry it."

A child can ask a thousand questions a wise man cannot answer.

Best way to stop the noise in your car is to let her drive.

Young Ez Tike's wife is a wonder—last year she knitted Ez a pair of socks out of an old bathing suit, and now she's knittin' herself a bathing suit out of one of those socks.

Cleveland (LPA)—Steel, auto, oil, electrical and communications workers were among 55 graduates of a union counseling class honored at a meeting of the city Industrial Union Council. New elementary and advanced classes are under way.

Lansing, Mich. (LPA)—"Michigan Outdoors," a column mainly devoted to hunting and fishing which appears in this city's Labor News, has been contracted for as a half-hour television show. Its author, Mort Neff, also shows outdoor films in union halls.



THIS AIN'T HAY—In spite of the bale of straw, Columbia Pictures' Cleo Moore manages a satisfactory sophistication. (LPA)



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Women workers should be particularly careful to see that they have a social security card bearing the name as the one they are using at work, he cautioned. Too often, women workers whose names have been changed for any reason, such as marriage, divorce, etc., continue to work under their new name without changing the name on their card. In such cases, the worker should immediately contact the nearest social security office to change her name on her social security record.

To make doubly sure your social security account is correct, every worker should ask the Social Security Administration each year or so for a statement of wages credited to his account.

For further information on these or any other points regarding your social security, get in touch with the Social Security field office, located at the above address.

Use Phony Figures In Debate to Make Relief Lists Public

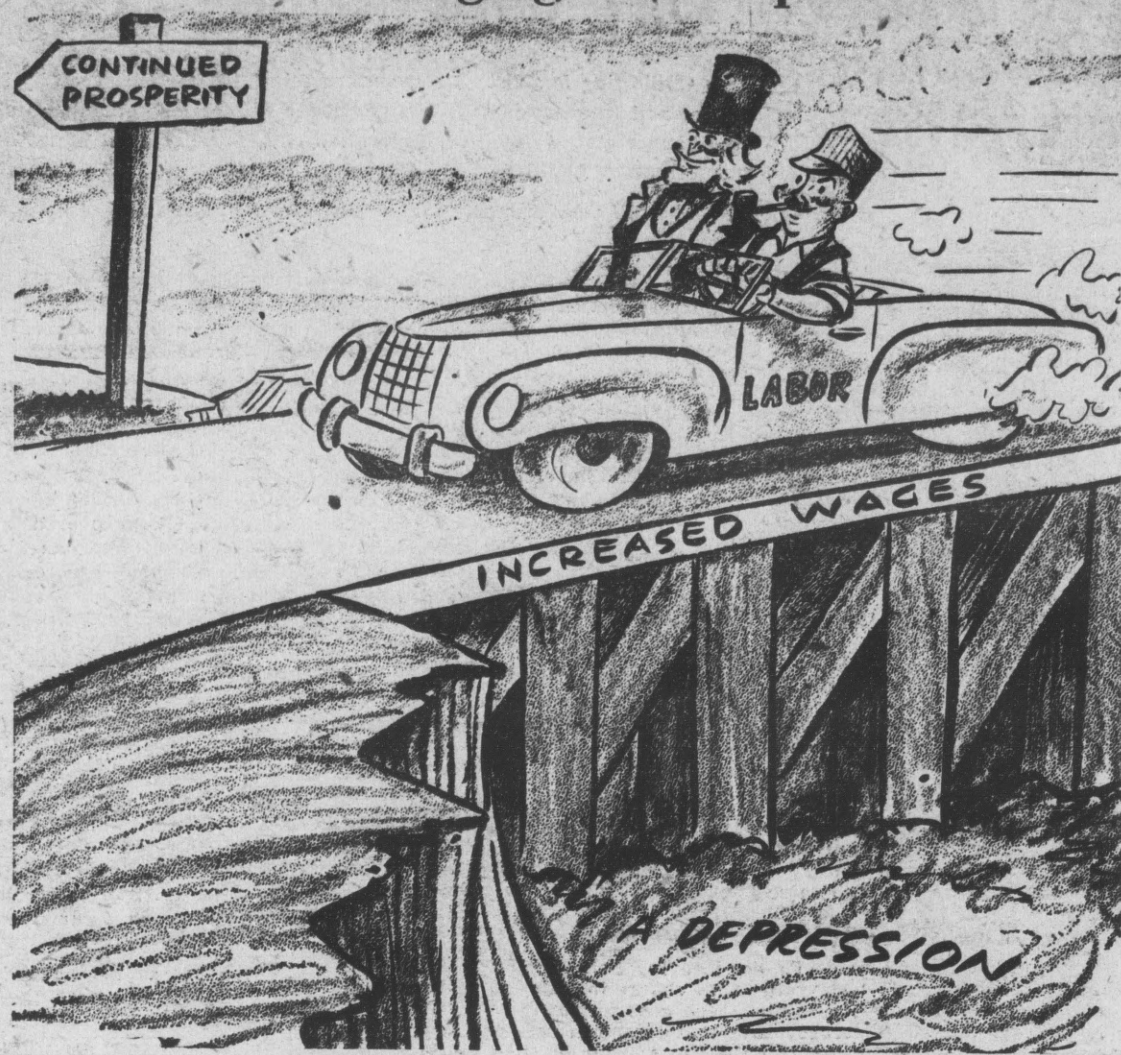
Salem, Ore. (LPA)—Backers of a legislative proposal to make public the names of those getting welfare payments in Oregon have been quoting phony figures from Indiana, according to State Sen. Richard L. Neuberger.

The joint ways and means committee has said the move might save the state \$3 million a year, or 10 percent. The estimate was based on reports that Indiana saved 10 percent by throwing the relief rolls open to public inspection.

Neuberger read the state Senate a letter from Ethel G. Harrison, director of the Indiana Division of Public Assistance. This showed that Indiana's relief rolls had declined, but not because the names were made public. Miss Harrison showed that relief rolls started shrinking right after hostilities started in Korea in June 1950, while the low opening the list to the public did not go into effect until July 20, 1951.

She showed that from December 1950 until June 1952, Indiana's relief rolls declined 16.2 percent, while Idaho's rolls fell 19.2 percent and North Carolina's fell 16.5 percent. Yet neither in Idaho nor North Carolina are the relief rolls made public. The same held true for aid to dependent children. Thus, the decline in Indiana welfare expenditures was not as great as in states where the rolls are not made public. The declines in Indiana, Miss Harrison pointed out, came at a time when high industrial employment was reducing assistance rolls in most parts of the nation and in many places far more than in Indiana.

Bridging The Gap



Local WSB Gives Status of Wages Now

The chairman of the Regional Wage Stabilization Board received the following teletype on February 17, 1953, from the chairman of the Wage Stabilization Committee in Washington.

The teletype lists the answers which the Administrator of the Economic Stabilization Agency has given to a number of questions submitted by employers and unions on the application of Executive Order 10434 which abolished the wage program on February 6, 1953:

1.—Q. D wage, salary or other compensation adjustments made on or after February 6, 1953, require approval under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended?

A. No.

2.—Q. May new wage, salary, or other compensation adjustments be made retroactive to a date when controls were in effect?

A. Any adjustments determined or agreed upon on or after February 6, 1953, may be made without violating the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended. This does not determine, however, that such retroactive payments are or are not permissible tax deductions for the year in which the services paid for were performed—or that such retroactive payments will necessarily be recognized as permissible reimbursable expenses by government procurement agencies, under the statutes applicable to their operations.

3.—Q. What is the effect of the suspension of wage and salary controls on wage and salary agreements or determinations by private parties which were made before February 6, 1953, where petitions were pending before the Stabilization Agencies?

A. The wage and salary adjustments contained in "petitions pending" before the wage and salary control agencies may be put into effect at this time as of the proposed effective date. Agreements expressly conditioned on the approval of stabilization agencies are deemed approved according to the Executive Order.

4.—Q. What is a "petition pending" before the stabilization agencies within the meaning of Executive Order 10434?

A. A petition pending before the stabilization agencies is any petition, including petitions for review, reconsideration or appeal, properly filed in accordance with the applicable procedural regulations on or before February 6, 1953 and not disposed of on or before February 6, 1953.

5.—Q. A party, who has exhausted all remedies available un-

der the applicable procedural regulation, has filed a request for further reconsideration of the previous action by the appropriate agency. Is a "petition pending" within the meaning of Executive Order 10434?

A. No. A petition is not pending where a party invokes a procedure not provided for in the applicable procedural regulation.

6.—Q. Is a petition for review, reconsideration, or appeal "pending" if it has not in fact been filed but the time within which it could have been filed has not expired?

A. No. Only those petitions which were actually filed with the appropriate agency on or before February 6, 1953 are "pending" within the meaning of the executive order.

7.—Q. A petition for approval of a wage, salary, or other compensation adjustment was denied or modified by a stabilization agency. May such adjustment now be made in full, retroactive to the proposed effective date?

A. A decision or agreement may now be made to effectuate such adjustment without violating the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended. This does not determine, however, that such retroactive payments are or are not permissible tax deductions for the year in which the services paid for were performed—or that such retroactive payments will necessarily be recognized as permissible reimbursable expense to government procurement agencies, under the statutes applicable to their operations.

8.—Q. A wage, salary or other compensation agreement was executed before February 6, 1953, and

provided for adjustments subject to stabilization agency approval, but a petition was not filed with the appropriate agency on or before February 6, 1953. What adjustments may now be made?

A. A decision or agreement may now be made to effectuate such adjustment without violating the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended. This does not determine, however, that such retroactive payments are or are not permissible tax deductions for the year in which the services paid for were performed—or that such retroactive payments will necessarily be recognized as permissible reimbursable expense by government procurement agencies, under the statutes applicable to their operations.

9.—Q. What effect does Executive Order 10434 have upon enforcement proceedings?

A. The Executive Order does not excuse violations committed prior to February 6, 1953. The stabilization agencies are continuing to process enforcement actions.

Kenosha, Wis. (LPA)—Kenosha Labor, weekly published by AFL and CIO unions, is looking for the largest union family in the city and county. Winning family, to include only father, mother and sons and daughters, will receive string of gifts contributed by merchants. Ties will be broken by number of union members in family.

Chicago (LPA)—Gus Tylor, political action director of the International Ladies Garment Workers, has been named to the national planning committee of the American Veterans Committee.

BRITAIN'S UNION MEMBERS HIT PEAK

By RAY BOYFIELD

Secretary, Organization Department, Britain's Trades Union Congress

Membership of Britain's trade unions has reached the record figure of 9½ millions, according to figures recently published by the Ministry of Labor. The latest figures are for 1951—collecting audited statistics from a large number of voluntary societies is a long process.

The increase during 1951 was 240,000 or 12%. This gain, although small compared with the 1½ millions gained in the first two years after the war, is gratifying to union leaders, for membership had remained almost static during 1948 to 1950.

Union membership, however, is still under half the total number of people at work. Trade unions had their origin in Britain; all political parties now praise the essential part they play in the community, and they are fully recognized by the government. Why is it, then, that so many workers are not members?

HOW MEMBERSHIP IS SPREAD

Over most of industry union membership is not evenly spread. The proportion is much higher among manual than among white-collar workers and higher in large establishments than in small. It is twice as high among men as among women. Some sections, for instance certain of the crafts in printing or pattern-makers within engineering, are almost entirely unionized. Types of employment with the highest level of membership in all grades are mining, transport and other utilities and government service. Sections with the lowest proportion of union labor include commerce, agriculture and retail distribution other than by cooperative societies.

The general wages pattern is set by bargaining in certain key industries or crafts; other industries tend to follow according to a pattern which has become traditional, and it is in these that trade unionism is not yet deeply rooted. In some of them, indeed, organization on both sides is not wide enough to enable wages to be settled by collective agreements. Instead a minimum rate is fixed by the Minister of Labor on the advice of Wages Councils composed of union and employers' representatives and independent persons. This minimum, which is legally enforceable, has removed some of the incentive among workers to organize. In times of unemployment Wages Councils rates of pay are useful in providing a floor below which wages cannot fall, but unions much prefer voluntary bargaining with employers and seek the abolition of the statutory method as their organization improves.

Just as the national pace is set by a few major industries, so within manufacture the pattern is often set by the larger establishments which are likely to be important within employers federations and where union membership is high. Wages and conditions agreed between organizations representing a substantial proportion of each industry become in practice recognized throughout. It is valuable to unions that a national rate is enforced in this way. On the other hand, it does lead some workers in the many small firms to feel they can enjoy the advantage of union negotiations without contributing to union funds.

The 1951 membership figures indicate that unions are beginning to advance in one of the spheres which have been difficult for them. This was that the increase was almost equally divided between men and women. Since women form only 30% of the employed population, the proportional increase among women trade unionists was significantly greater.

Officially, the number of unions is 700, but for practical purposes it is much smaller and is declining through amalgamations. Two-thirds of all members belong to 17 unions, each with over 100,000 members. Moreover, many of the smaller unions, as for instance in cotton, join together in federations for negotiations while remaining

independent for purposes of friendly benefits.

ALLOCATION OF INCOME

The total income of the unions in 1951 was over £18,000,000 (\$50,400,000). Almost half of this was spent in administration and general services, and one-seventh was put to reserve. Most of the remainder, or £4,250,000 (\$11,900,000), was paid in benefit to members of which superannuation accounted for the biggest sum, followed by sickness and accident benefits.

Payments to members through strikes and unemployment, which once formed so large a part of union expenditure, were both very small. This is why proportionately less money is being put to reserves. It may be, however, that pre-war circumstances are still having too great an effect. The Trades Union Congress magazine has commented that union resources are more wisely used when invested in shaping the future—through education, research and training in management techniques—then when held in reserve in memory of past disputes.

Regional Wage Bd. Approved 98.3% Of AFL Petitions

(State Fed. Release)

The California-Arizona-Nevada Regional Wage Stabilization Board finished up its business last week with a record of approving more than 98 per cent of AFL requests in one form or another.

From the first tripartite meeting held in October 1951 until last week, the Board received 3,988 applications from AFL unions.

Of the 3,988 AFL petitions, 440 were closed by action other than board rulings, such as withdrawals, transfers to other regions, or transfers to the national board.

The regional board actually considered 3,548 AFL cases, of which it fully approved 3,213, or 90.8 per cent. It approved, with modifications 7.5 per cent. Total AFL approvals hit 98.3 per cent of those judged.

AFL representatives, on the regional board, prior to the collapse of the tripartite machinery in January 1953, were Roy M. Brewer, Los Angeles, and Wendell Phillips, San Francisco. William Fleck of Sacramento served as liaison man between AFL unions and the AFL board members during the 1951-53 era.

State AFL Labor School To Be April 12-18, S. Barbara

(State Fed. Release)

The 6th annual state AFL labor institute will be held April 12-18 at the Samarkand Hotel, Santa Barbara, it was announced this week by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

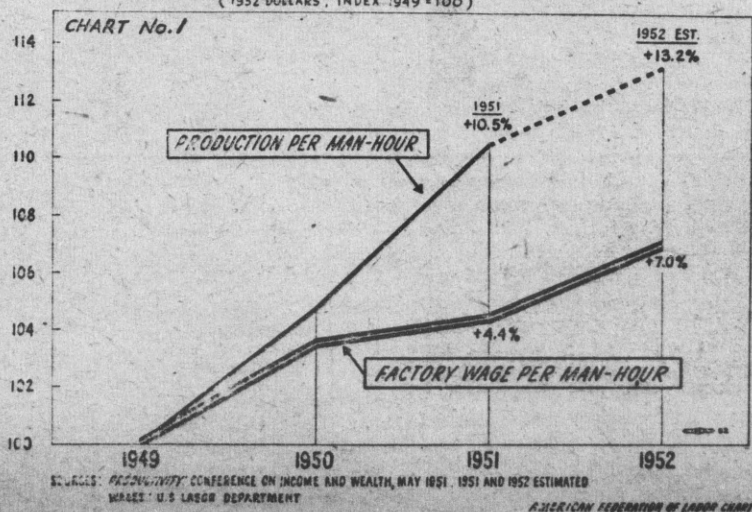
Reduced costs and a shifting to April from the summer months distinguishes the 1953 conference from previous institutes sponsored by the state AFL.

Haggerty declared that a complete schedule of room and meal prices, courses offered, and faculty members, will be issued next week to all AFL unions in California.

Room prices at the Samarkand will range from \$3.50 to \$5.50 per day per person.

The institute will be jointly sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor and the University of California.

GROSS NATIONAL PRIVATE PRODUCTION PER MAN-HOUR OF WORK AND FACTORY WAGE PER MAN-HOUR, 1949 TO 1952
(1952 DOLLARS, INDEX 1949 = 100)



TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
LOCAL 1020 MONTEREY COUNTY

February 24th at the Santa Lucia Inn is BANQUET nite for Local 1020. Don Hamburger, chairman, Fred Clayson, Godfrey Huber, and Virginia Gilbert announce it's to be a baked half chicken at seven. Top of the evening will be an inspiring message from our National President, Carl Megel. Ticket sales indicate our many friends will join us in welcoming Mr. Megel.

The Board of Education of the High School District recently accepted the offer of AFT 1020 to aid in the forthcoming May 15 school bond election. Failure of the December 9 election has caused considerable concern. We cannot justify abandonment of large sections of our beautiful building, and yet, unless the seriousness of the situation is made known to ALL the voters, we may have to erect crude portables or, literally, go into tents. AFT 1020 will certainly go all out against such waste and will urge earthquake and disaster stabilization.

The Board did not take any immediate action on a coincident proposal of the union that all extra curricular before school, noon-hour, and after-school activity be prohibited on days of election in order to insure voting time for all teaching personnel. We trust the

Board will accept this practical suggestion.

National headquarters sounded an alert this week urging all locals to start an active campaign to secure passage of the Hill Amendment to the Offshore Oil Bill. The hearings were to begin this week. Briefly, the bill is designed to provide at least \$40 billion in oil resources for the educational needs of all the states.

On the state level, why Speaker of the Assembly Silliman completely ousted ex-Chairman Dunn from the Assembly Education Committee, OR who will keep the wolf from the education door is causing considerable agitation. Gordon Miller's open letter to James Silliman in the Feb. 19 issue of Monterey County Teacher may bring forth an INTERESTING if complicated explanation.

—MARJORIE MURR LOGAN.

Survey Reveals Vallejo Teachers' Salaries Still Lagging in Bay Area

Local 827, the Vallejo Federation of Teachers, has just completed some very detailed surveys showing how teachers are paid (or rather underpaid) in Vallejo, the Bay Region, and California as a whole. Since each district has its own separate salary schedule, it was necessary to write to many individual districts to secure the salary data.

Most teachers salary schedules are based on three, four or more "classes", which depend on the teacher's level of training. Credit is also given for seniority by means of annual "automatic raises" until a maximum salary is reached. Vallejo teachers' salaries, for example, begin at \$3362 per year for a beginning teacher in Class I (with four years of college training), and reach a maximum of \$5500 for a teacher in Class III (having about six years of college training or more) with fourteen years of seniority in Vallejo. Partial seniority credit is allowed for teaching in other district. Vallejo thus has a \$3362 to \$5500 salary schedule.

Vallejo teachers are not well paid in comparison to other cities of the Bay Area. Local 827's survey of 30 Bay Area Districts, including all the cities of Bay Area (such as Richmond, Oakland, San Mateo, San Rafael, Martinez, etc.) shows that only four Bay Area cities, Napa, Petaluma, Berkeley, and Alameda, pay their teachers worse than does Vallejo. Vallejo is near the top in size (5th place), but in the cellar in salaries (25th place) among the thirty. In our immediate neighborhood, Richmond, Crockett, Martinez and Benicia all pay higher than Vallejo.

A larger survey of 76 districts sampled all over California shows

Vallejo to be 59th in salaries among the 76. Vallejo is now a large district, ranking 5th in size in the Bay Area and 16th in all California, but Vallejo teachers salaries are not what should be expected for a large urban community.

California is one of the better paying states, but California teachers are still underpaid for the amount of training required. A beginning teacher in Vallejo gets \$3362 per year after four years college training. The average yearly salary of all teachers in the district, including those with five, six or more years of college education, is still only \$4500. These figures will have to go up higher before there can be much inducement for anyone to go into teaching as a life work.

Indianapolis (LPA)—Boris Siskin, AFL economist, was a member of a panel which discussed business growth at the annual forum sponsored by this city's chapter of the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters. A delegation of Indiana AFL leaders attended the session.

There's no closed season on salt water perch. Bag limits are 25 in waters north of the San Luis Obispo-Monterey County line; 10 south of this line.

Utility Dividends Up 20% Over January 1952

Washington (LPA)—Although taxes were "killing them," the nation's corporations as a whole paid out eight per cent more in dividends in January 1953 than in January 1952.

Utilities paid out 20 per cent more; finance firms 17 per cent. Dividends by manufacturing companies were only slightly higher, but those of non-manufacturing companies were up 12 per cent.

Of the 19 groups listed by the Commerce Dept., 13 increased dividends. These included mining, trade, finance, railroads, utilities, and communications.

Manufacturing groups reporting higher dividends were food, beverages, tobacco, paper and printing, chemicals, non-ferrous metals, electrical machinery, and transportation equipment.

The picture was rosy elsewhere. The 6,800 member banks of the Federal Reserve System had net profits in 1952 to 10 per cent over 1951. Their earnings on government securities were up 12 per cent, and on loans up 15 per cent.

Chrysler Corp., on only a slight increase in sales, and a record bite in federal taxes, chalked up quite a gain in net earnings. The figure for 1952 was \$78,696,599, against \$71,973,469 in 1951. Military sales accounted for 14 per cent of its total business.

Elbert Thomas Dies; Was Labor Friend In Senate 18 Years

Honolulu (LPA)—Elbert D. Thomas, 69, former Democratic Senator from Utah who fought for the Wagner Act in 1935 and was a strong opponent of Taft-Hartley in 1947, died here Feb. 11. He had been serving since 1950 as high commissioner for 96 Pacific island groups administered by the U. S. as trustee for the United Nations.

Thomas was professor of political science at University of Utah from 1914 to 1932, when he students urged him to run for the Senate against Reed Smoot, a Republican conservative. He defeated Smoot and was re-elected in 1938 and 1944.

As chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, he helped draft the minimum wages and hours act of 1938. He also sponsored a bill which established a pattern of federal aid for new hospital buildings.

During most of World War II, he was chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee and was a leader in drafting the GI Bill of Rights and the selective service act of 1950. He also served for many years on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

San Jose (LPA)—Selections from the writings of the late Kaspar Bauer, AFL Butcher leader, including articles which first appeared in this city's Union Gazette, have been compiled into a booklet by the international union. He was a former president of the Santa Cruz Labor Council.

AFL CONVENTIONS -- 1953

(Following is a list of conventions scheduled for this year by National and International Unions and State Federations of Labor under the banner of the American Federation of Labor. This list is not final nor complete. Additions will be announced later.)

The following lists the date, name of organization and place of the convention:

- Feb. 2—Glass Bottle Blowers' Association—Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Feb. 10—Intl. Association Flight Engineers—New York, N. Y.
- Mar. 23—Seafarers Intl. Union of No. America—San Diego, Calif.
- Mar. 26—Arizona State Federation of Labor—Yuma, Ariz.
- Apr. 6—Louisiana State Fed. of Labor—Shreveport, La.
- Apr. 15—Pennsylvania State Fed. of Labor—Reading, Pa.
- Apr. 13—Coopers' Intl. Union of North America—Chicago, Ill.
- Apr. 20—Hotel & Restaurant Employees & etc.—Atlantic City, N. J.
- May 10—Plasterers' & Cement Masons' Intl. Assn.—Seattle, Wash.
- May 11—Jewelry Workers' Intl. Union—Atlantic City, N. J.
- May 11—Laundry Workers' Intl. Union—Chicago, Ill.
- May 12—Iowa State Federation of Labor—Waterloo, Iowa.
- May 18—Intl. Ladies' Garment Workers Union—Chicago, Ill.
- May 18—Insurance Agents Intl. Union—Atlantic City, N. J.
- May 18—Intl. Plate Printers, Die Stampers, etc.—Ottawa, Canada.
- May 18—Missouri State Federation of Labor—Springfield, Mo.
- May 18—Virginia State Federation of Labor—Roanoke, Va.
- May 20—Georgia State Federation of Labor—Savannah, Ga.
- May 24—Doll and Toy Workers' Intl. Union, etc.—Atlantic City, N. J.
- May 25—Tennessee State Federation of Labor—Johnson City, Tenn.
- May 25—New Jersey State Federation of Labor—Atlantic City, N. J.
- May 25—Michigan State Federation of Labor—Detroit, Mich.
- May 25—Arkansas State Federation of Labor—Hot Springs, Ark.
- *May —United Hatters, Cap & Millinery, etc.—New York, N. Y.
- June 1—United Wall Paper Craftsmen, etc.—Undecided.
- June 1—Idaho State Federation of Labor—Lewiston, Idaho.
- June 4—Upholsterers' Intl. Union of N. A.—New York, N. Y.
- June 15—Oregon State Federation of Labor—Pendleton, Ore.
- June 22—American Federation of Musicians—Montreal, Q., Canada.
- June 22—Office Employees Intl. Union—Cleveland, Ohio.
- June 25—Texas State Federation of Labor—El Paso, Texas.
- *June —Puerto Rico State Federation of Labor—San Juan, P. R.
- June 20—Intl. Bro. Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers—Minneapolis, Minn.
- July 6—Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers—Cleveland, Ohio.
- July 13—Washington State Federation of Labor—Yakima, Wash.
- July 26—New York State Federation of Labor—Buffalo, N. Y.
- July 3rd week—Stove Mounters' Intl. Union—Nashville, Tenn.
- Aug. 10—North Carolina State Federation of Labor—Wilmington, N.C.
- Aug. 10—Trades and Labor Congress of Canada—Ottawa, Ont., Can.
- Aug. 10—Chemical Workers' Intl. Union—Cleveland, Ohio.
- Aug. 15—International Typographical Union—Detroit, Mich.
- Aug. 17—American Federation of Teachers—Peoria, Ill.
- Aug. 17—Wisconsin State Federation of Labor—Green Bay, Wis.
- Aug. 17—Utah State Federation of Labor—Provo, Utah.
- Aug. 18—Montana State Federation of Labor—Kalispell, Mont.
- *Aug. —Nevada State Federation of Labor—Ely, Nev.
- Aug. 24—Intl. Photo Eng. Union of N. A.—Toronto, Ont., Can.
- Sept. 6—North Dakota State Federation of Labor—Fargo, N.D.
- *Sept. Vermont State Federation of Labor—Newport, Vt.
- Sept. 14—Metal Trades Department, AFL—St. Louis, Mo.
- *Sept. —Maritime Trades Department, AFL—St. Louis, Mo.
- Sept. 14—Stereotypers' & Electrotypers', etc.—Birmingham, Ala.
- Sept. 14—Amal. Assn. Street & Electric, etc.—Vancouver, B. C.
- Sept. 14—Journeymen Barbers, Hairdressers, etc.—Indianapolis, Ind.
- Oct. 2—Delaware State Federation of Labor—Dover, Delaware.
- Oct. 2—New Mexico State Federation of Labor—Santa Fe, N. M.
- Oct. 5—Kentucky State Federation of Labor—Louisville, Ky.
- Oct. 5—Minnesota State Federation of Labor—St. Paul, Minn.
- Oct. 6—Indiana State Federation of Labor—Indianapolis, Ind.
- Oct. 12—Railway Mail Association—Richmond, Va.
- Oct. 12—Illinois State Federation of Labor—Springfield, Ill.
- Oct. 13—Connecticut State Federation of Labor—Undecided.
- Oct. 19—Commercial Telegraphers' Union—Vancouver, B.C.
- Oct. 22—Oklahoma State Federation of Labor—Undecided.
- Nov. 15—Intl. U. of Journeymen, Horse Shoers—Miami, Fla.

* Date not definitely set.

THIS MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA NAVY MAN IS A VETERAN OF 25 YEARS OF NAVAL SERVICE AND THE WINNER OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, BRONZE STAR AND THE ARMY DISTINGUISHED UNIT EMBLEM.

JOHN BOHREER U.S. NAVY
CHIEF ELECTRICIAN'S MATE



DIVING ON A 1942 PATROL, THE SUB S-41 WAS NEARLY FLOODED AS WATER CUSHED IN THRU AN EXHAUST VALVE. BRAVING DEATH BOHREER ENTERED A FLOODING GAS-FILLED COMPARTMENT TO SHUT THE VALVE AND SAVE BOTH SHIP AND CREW.

HE RECEIVED THE BRONZE STAR FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE ON THE SUB BATFISH WHEN IT WON FAME AS A SUB-KILLER, SINKING 3 JAPANESE SUBMARINES ON 1 PATROL.

W.J. GOUDIE

Ex-Railroad Worker of SLO Gets Guide Dog

Machinists District Lodge 56 have voted to present a guide dog to August M. Melin, 67-year-old retired railroad worker, of Morro Bay, who has been totally blind since last July.

The union will also present Melin with a four weeks course of training with the dog. The training school is located at Burbank and maintained by International Guiding Eyes, Inc., organization formed in 1948 to provide guide dogs to the blind without cost to the recipient.

Machinists Union will also pay transportation to and from the training school for Melin. The union announced early last December that applications would be taken for guide dogs in this area. Application was made on Melin's behalf by his daughter, Mrs. Helen Roder

of 112 Beebe Street, San Luis Obispo, and was the only one received in three counties, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura.

The union reviewed the application last week, found the former San Luis Obispo railroad worker met necessary qualifications, is deserving and able to benefit from owning a guide dog, and so voted him the award.

Melin will leave March 16 for Burbank to start his four weeks training course and it should mean a new and happy chapter in his busy life.

A resident of San Luis Obispo many years, Melin worked there as a stationary engineer for Southern Pacific Railroad until January when he retired. Since then he and his wife moved to 308

South Main Street, Morro Bay. He is a member of Elks Lodge No. 322, San Luis Obispo, and of Stationary Firemen and Oilers Union, AFL.

Melin went to work 47 years ago for Southern Pacific Railroad as an engine wiper. In 1907 he became a machinist, and the same year lost the sight of one eye when a piece of steel flew into it. Last July, he lost the sight of the other eye also.

Not at all downed by his loss of sight, Melin keeps cheerful and busy in the Morro Bay cottage where he is now retired. But nevertheless he is looking forward eagerly to having that guide dog, for it will mean he can get out and about, on an errand down town or just for a pleasant stroll.

Support your stewards.

PLASTERERS AND MASONS' N. DIST. COUNCIL HONORS SECY.-TREAS. NIEBERDING

Delegates from local Plasterers and Cement Masons unions in Northern California attended a meeting of the Northern District Council of Plasterers and Cement Masons held in Fresno at the Fresno Motel on February 7.

Brother Frank Nieberding, secretary-treasurer of the Northern District Council, for approximately the past thirty years and still active in this office, was honored at a testimonial luncheon and presented with a television set, as a token of esteem from the various locals in the 46 Northern California counties affiliated with the Council. Mrs. Nieberding was given a wrist watch.

In addition the funds raised by the locals for the luncheon and the gifts, were sufficient so that

there was a balance which the delegates decided would help defray the expenses of sending Brother Nieberding to the coming International Convention of the union in Seattle as their delegate to that meet.

The next meeting of the Northern District Council of Plasterers and Cement Masons will be held in San Francisco, March 1, said Brother Dave McCain, business representative of Plasterers and Cement Masons 429, Modesto.

Attending the meeting and luncheon from the Modesto local, were brothers Ed Cavanah, delegate from the union and Hershel McQueen, union vice president and Bob Pingree, president, who attended as guests.

Existence of Honolulu BT Unions At Stake; Asking Our Assistance

Our brother building tradesmen in the Hawaiian Islands are in trouble, serious trouble, and are asking our help.

Here, in their own words, is the disgraceful story they have to tell:

"This Honolulu Building Trades Council was chartered in 1941. During the war years our affiliated unions prospered because thousands of workers were sent here from the States. These workers were recruited from the ranks of your affiliated unions and wage rates were established by your councils for our Hawaiian projects.

"During the war period Japanese mechanics and laborers were barred from all critical areas. After the war your members returned to the United States and gradually the jobs were manned by local men who had previously been barred and humiliated because of racial lineage.

"At this juncture the powerful industrialists in the Territory of Hawaii set up an agency known as the Hawaii Employers' Council. They imported their top men from the old and vicious" (you're telling us!) "Los Angeles Merchants and Manufacturers' Association and other associations such as the San Francisco Associated Industries which dominated that fair city following World War I.

"In all the years since VJ Day this Association has conducted the most vicious campaign against all unions, both AFL and CIO. These same workers who were humiliated during the war have been humiliated continuously by all employers, from the foreman to the master contractor. As individuals, they are told that they are ignorant and incompetent. They are not even paid the scales shown here (in the next to the last paragraph), but are compelled to work at second or third class ratings. The third class is paid 25 cents per hour less than the journeyman rate and the second class ten cents an hour less.

"This condition still prevails and we are determined to break it up. "We have just won a strike against the contracting firm of Mid-Pac at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station, where several hundred building tradesmen were involved. We are now picketing other powerful contractors for Building Trades Council agreements such as you enjoy in the States. All unions are involved and active on the picket lines and in all Council activities.

"All local unions have been bled white in this long fight. This Council is penniless. The Brotherhood of Carpenters has given some financial assistance to Carpenters 745 and Board Member Abe Muir is here and on the picket line with the rest of us. We need organizers for all trades. We need money badly in this determined fight.

"Look at these wage scales. They are official from federal statistics and mainland contracts. Teamsters

Coast scales; Carpenters \$5.60 per day lower than Los Angeles scales; Operating Engineers \$6.56 lower than West Coast scales; Iron Workers \$4.72 per day lower than Los Angeles scales; Plumbers \$5.60 per day lower than West Coast scales; Electricians \$6 a day less than Los Angeles; Laborers \$5.12 per day less than West Coast scales.

"All trades are in like position. We have appealed to all government agencies for an investigation. Will you please send some financial help and urge your affiliated unions to help us?"

The letter was signed by E. J. Kovack, president of the Council, and J. K. Waiwaiole, secretary-treasurer. Kovack is a Plumber, Waiwaiole an Operating Engineer.

ELECTRICIANS BLOOD CLUB

Charter has been awarded to the new Blood Credit Club of Electrical Workers 332 by the Santa Clara Valley Regional Blood Center, Union Business Manager E. A. Stock announced this week.

The union's quota is 250 pints of blood a year. The credit club starts operations on March 15. Albert C. Beeson of the blood center signed the charter.

Stock reported that pledge cards have been sent to all members of Local 332. So far about 20 have been returned but many more are expected.

Blood Credit Club membership entitled those enrolled and also their immediate families to draw on the club's blood credit whenever in need of blood.

The club makes possible the participation of all members in a community and national project to maintain an adequate and constant supply of blood available for community, armed forces and national defense, Stock pointed out.

Trainmen in Canada Win Pay Increase

Ottawa (LPA)—Almost on the eve of the Feb. 2 deadline for a strike which would have halted rail service throughout Canada, 17,000 members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen gained a 12 per cent wage increase in agreements with Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railways.

A 40-hour week at 48 hours' pay was also won for yard service employees not covered by mileage rates, and the agreements included improvements in working rules. Demands originally were made on Feb. 7 of last year.

Using Old Index Up to White House, Durkin Declares

Washington (LPA)—Whether the old Consumers Price Index will be revived and issued along with the revised index is up to the White House, Secy. of Labor Martin Durkin declared Jan. 30 after a Cabinet meeting.

He said his department does not have the money to compile and issue both, and it would be up to the White House or Congress to provide the added funds if the decision was to revive the old index.

Rep. Samuel J. McConnell, Jr. (R., Pa.) had predicted the day before that the old index would be continued for six months. He is chairman of the House Labor Committee, and he made his forecast after a conference of government and congressional leaders. The Administration has been under pressure from the auto and rail industries to continue the old index, and Sen. Homer Ferguson (R., Mich.) has been pressing for the extension.

The auto industry reason is plain. The CIO United Auto Workers had announced long before that if the old index is abolished, the union would have to review and reopen its five-year contracts to adjust them to the new index. And that would be an opportunity to discuss other long-sought benefits.

Both the Wall Street Journal and the Journal of Commerce predicted the day before Durkin made his announcement that the White House would revive the old index. President Eisenhower has been under pressure to do so, and the question has been discussed several times at the highest levels.

Walter P. Reuther, president of the CIO and also of the United Auto Workers, had pointed out that continuing the old index in its original form was impossible because the basis of compiling the data has been changed.

The AFL on Jan. 30 released the text of a letter to Durkin from Pres. George Meany, asking that the Bureau of Labor Statistics continue to make available the old index, "or at least an index based on the same expenditure weights as the old index," and that such an index be published monthly along with the revised index until at least the end of 1953.

The letter pointed out that conversion to the revised index "will present very difficult problems which will take many months to work out" for many unions, and it was "to facilitate this adjustment" that he asked that the old index or its equivalent be made available.

4 Airlines Handed Writeoffs on Planes To Cost \$80 Million

Washington (LPA)—Four airlines were given quick tax writeoffs on 80 percent of more than \$80 million they plan to invest in transport aircraft, the Defense Production Administration announced in adding \$289,029,425 to the amount of "defense or defense-connected" facilities covered by handouts. The new planes will be used on the airlines' regular runs but will be maintained "on a standby basis for use by the Armed Forces if necessary," DPA said.

Leading the 230 certificates for speedy depreciation announced Feb. 4 was United Air Lines with \$56,768,000. Other air transport firms aided are Flying Tiger Line, \$9,100,000; Delta Air Lines, \$7,500,000, and Capital Airlines, \$6,763,568.

Beloit, Wis. (LPA)—A huge historic mansion, now being used as a sanatorium, has been purchased by the 3700-member Steelworkers Local 1533 for its headquarters. Extensive remodeling will include recreation facilities for the Fairbanks-Morse workers, plenty room for parking.

There's a new union of dollars in Washington. How's your union, brother?

Teamsters 386 Vote Increased Dues; Added Insurance Gained

As a result of recent balloting, which has been taking place by members of Teamsters 386, Modesto at a series of recent meetings, a vote by these members, of better than four to one has been counted and resulted in an increase of union dues to \$5.00, effective March 1, reports Brother Wendel J. Kiser, secretary-treasurer and business representative of the union.

As a result of the vote, Brother Kiser pointed out additional sick benefits in the amount of \$20.00 a week will be payable to members. These, he stressed, are in addition to any other insurance benefits to members, and said: "In addition, members of course are still covered by the union's \$1000 life insurance and double indemnity plan."

Benefits, Kiser pointed out, are payable on the first day when an accident occurs, whether the mem-

ber is in or out of the hospital and in case of illness are payable on the first day of such illness if member is hospitalized. Illness "outside of the hospital" is covered by benefits which start on the 8th day of such illness, he added.

Brother Kiser stressed that members will be entitled to benefits and considered in "good standing" providing dues are paid "to the current month." In further clarification of this provision, he explained: "If a member, for example, becomes ill or disabled during the month of February and he only owed February dues at the time of the disability, he would be eligible to receive benefits as being a member in good standing. On the other hand, if he became ill or disabled during February and owed dues for January or other prior months, at the time of his disability in February, he would be disqualified as being eligible to receive benefits."

Safety Rules for Painters

Disabling injuries suffered by painters are caused by four things: 1. falls from scaffolds or elevations; 2. slips and falls on the level, 3. over-exertion, 4. striking objects and structures, or being struck by them. Prevent injuries from these sources and you will prevent most painting injuries.

Falls from scaffolds or staging causes one of every four injuries to painters. Many times such falls occur when scaffolds are raised or lowered, or moved from one place to another, or when painters are climbing around them or reaching from them. Here are a few safety rules for scaffolds:

1. See that scaffolds, ladders and such equipment conform to requirements of California Safety Orders.
2. See that swinging stages have at least one hand safety line from the roof to ground for each man on the scaffold.
3. See that scaffolds are in safe condition.
4. Don't use handrails and platforms that are splintered or cracked.
5. Don't use hooks or tackle that are cracked or deformed.
6. Place painter's hitch carefully, so the load line will not slip off the lower block hook and allow one end of the scaffold to fall.
7. See that planks or ladder stages are long enough to extend at least 18 inches beyond supports. Stirrups should be 18 inches from end of plank, or fastened to plank cannot slip.
8. BE SURE ROPES ARE SAFE.

On this matter rope safety, here are several suggestions whereby you can check the safety of the ropes:

1. Check for worn or broken fibers on the outside.
2. Inspect inner fibers by untwisting the rope in several places. If inner yarns are bright, clear and unspotted, the rope probably is fairly strong.
3. Unwind from the rope a piece of yarn about 8 inches long and break it with your hands. If the yarn breaks easily, the rope probably is unsafe.
4. Inspect regularly all rope used around acid or caustic. Daily inspection is safest. If black or rusty-brown spots are noted, test outside fibers for strength. Discard any rope which appears weak.
5. If a rope cannot be bent or worked easily, or if fibers are dry and brittle, don't use it for scaffolding.
6. If using wire rope, check for broken wires. If there are as many as 10 broken wires in a foot of wire rope, it probably is unsafe.
7. Use wire rope, not fiber rope, near sandblasting or when chemical washing solutions are being used.

SLIPS AND FALLS

One out of seven painting injuries results from slips or falls on the same level, usually where rubbish and waste, or slippery materials, are in walkways, or where working surfaces are uneven.

Prevention of such injuries includes removal of waste and litter, fill in holes around laces where you are working, clean up all spilled oil, grease, paint, or other material AT ONCE.

STRIKING OBJECTS

One out of four painting injuries results from painters striking objects or structures, or being struck by them, usually when materials or objects fall or roll, when sudden movement on the part of workmen or equipment are made, when vehicles are moved without warning, or when workmen are unattended.

Prevention includes: Watch where you are going, make sure you have a clear working area, avoid roads or ramps used by vehicles on a job; always handle, pile or store materials so they will not fall or shift; keep tools, material or equipment in their proper place when not in use.

OVER-EXERTION

One out of seven painting injuries results from over-exertion, usually where objects or materials are being lifted, pulled, pushed or carried.

To prevent over-exertion, use tools to loosen stuck windows unless you can use both hands when standing on firm support; use care in lifting by getting help if the load is more than you can easily handle alone, keep your back straight when lifting and lift by straightening your legs, have only one man give signals in team lifting and all lift together.

AFL Committee Named For Labor Unity Talks

Miami Beach (LPA)—President George Meany and eight vice presidents have been named members of the AFL committee to confer on labor unity with a similar committee from the CIO. The initial meeting is set for Feb. 24 in Washington.

Those appointed to serve with Meany are William L. Hutcheson, Carpenters' president emeritus; Matthew Woll, president of the AFL Union Label and Service Trades Department; Dan. W. Tracy, head of the Electrical Workers; Charles J. MacGowan, Boilermakers; David Dubinsky, Ladies Garment Workers; Harry C. Bates, Bricklayers; William C. Doherty, Letter Carriers; Daniel J. Tobin, Teamsters' president emeritus.

Stay with your union, through the years. This loyalty is your best investment in humanity and freedom.

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AN OLD TIMER SPEAKS TO YOU

This is one of a series of articles written by the late **KASPAR BAUER**, general organizer for the Butchers Union, reprinted from a new organizational pamphlet by the union under direction of Earl M. Jimerson, general president, and Patrick E. Gorman, general secretary-treasurer.

A BIT OF UNION HISTORY

We know that without knowing something of the background of anything, be it an invention or the union movement, a beautiful oil painting or a strike in a packing plant, a symphony or the struggle for the eight-hour day in the 1880s-90s, we can neither explain, understand, nor truly profit from these things.

Human progress, in the past especially, has been painfully slow. Just a few centuries ago the vast mass of the people could neither "read, write nor 'rithmetic."

If one were to take a yardstick and measure the time humans have been on this good old earth of ours and compare THAT with the time people have been able to read and write, the thickness of a hair would probably be a fair estimate.

What has all of this to do with the labor movement, with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen?

We of the greatest mass movement on the century should know our background WELL. This knowledge will make us more conscious of the justice of our cause, it will give us confidence and strength to carry on. It will develop organizers who "know their onions" and a membership that will "stick."

While some early Colonial Americans who came to the New World were fairly well-to-do upon arrival, most of them were poor. Indentured servants, both men and women, were brought over with every new ship. After working out their contracts they became "free" laborers—changing rapidly into independent butchers, bakers and candlestick makers. There were, of course, no unions.

In the Southern colonies we had the slave system for carrying on the work and that was no fertile field for union organization. The Northern colonies had a different system, but here, too, the field was barren of unionism because industry was primitive in its nature, land was plentiful, labor was scarce and habits and wants were simple.

Free labor in the North offered some opportunity for organization as soon as the elements of organization came into being. Those elements were principally the handicraft workers in industrial centers. These centers commenced to develop and grow and brought over larger masses of workers together under one roof, which rapidly became bigger and bigger until today the "roof" covers acres of ground with hundreds of thousands of workers under the roof.

This is how some unions began: The Tailors established a union as far back as 1806; the Hatters came along in 1819; the Shipwrights and Caulkers in 1822 (chartered by the Legislature of Massachusetts); the New York Typographical Society incorporated in 1821.

What was the reason for this stirring and restlessness of workers at this early period?

One historian, the first labor commissioner of the U. S. A., Carroll D. Wright, attributes it more to the ungodly long hours men had to work consecutively than the low pay they were receiving. Twelve, fourteen or sixteen hours per day was the rule rather than the exception.

The beginning of the modern labor movement started clearly with the agitation for the 10-hour day.

The first 10-hour day was granted to U. S. Navy Yard workers at Washington, D. C. by proclamation of President Van Buren, April 10, 1840. Laborers in the city of Baltimore also received the 10-hour day

about this time. Massachusetts, famous for the textile industry, passed a 10-hour law in 1874 but for children and women only. A 14-hour day was the rule before the law was passed.

The "Typographical Society" became the International Typographical Union at a meeting in Albany, N. Y. in 1869. Followed a long list of unions in rapid succession: Iron Moulders, 1859; Locomotive Engineers, 1863 (their first official name was "The Brotherhood of the Foot Board"); Bricklayers and Masons, 1854; Railway Conductors, 1868; Iron and Steel, 1876; Granite Cutters, 1877; Carpenters and Joiners, 1881; Railway Brakemen, 1884; Bakers, 1886.

The Knights of Labor, born in 1869, whose founder was Uriah Stephens, a tailor, flashed across the labor world like a bright comet about this time.

The American Federation of Labor grew out of a call for a convention to meet August 2, 1881 at Terre Haute, Indiana. The convention city was switched later to Pittsburgh, November 19, 1861. Representing 262,000 union workers were 107 delegates, who called their organization the "Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions of the United States and Canada."

The AFL under its present form and name was organized December 8, 1886 at Columbus, Ohio.

The Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen affiliated under the name of "Butchers National Protective Association," and in 1897—not much more than 50 years ago—the AFL gave them a charter.

Those who have eyes to see can see the Union grow in strength and intelligence. They can also see that strength and intelligence used of the good life for all the workers and men of good will everywhere.

(Next Week: "Unions and Individual Initiative.")

Heart Attack Fatal To Harry Lea

(State Fed. Release)

Harry Lea, 59, assistant secretary and business manager of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, died of a heart attack on Monday of last week at his Los Angeles home.

Lea had been active in labor circles since 1925 and for many years was business manager of Machinists Local 311.

During World War II he was southern California's AFL representative on the War Labor Board.

Born in San Francisco, Lea is survived by his widow, Ella; a son, Harold B.; a daughter, Mrs. Helen C. Welch; a sister, Mrs. Leah MacDonald, and a brother, Bert.

The official sympathy of the California State Federation of Labor was extended to the family of the deceased by C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the state AFL organization, who praised Lea's contribution to the building of the AFL movement in southern California.

Attend—Take Part!

WRITE YOUR LEGISLATORS

Union members throughout the state have been requested by the California State Federation of Labor to write their legislators regarding proposed legislation, much of it considered against the interest of union members.

Expression of opinion of all voters is asked by all legislators also in an effort to know the wishes of voters on many of the bills pending.

For convenience of union members wishing to protest against any bills which are against labor's interest, addresses of legislators in this area are given as follows:

Santa Cruz County—Senator Donald L. Grunsky, 130 Rogers Ave., Watsonville; Assemblyman Glenn E. Coolidge, 1703 E. Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz.

Monterey County—Senator Fred Weybret, 22 Hawthorne St., Salinas; Assemblyman James W. Siliman, 246 Hawthorne St. Salinas.

Sick Benefits Are Boosted For Butchers

Trustees of the health and welfare fund of Butchers Union 506 voted last week to pay sick benefits to ill or disabled butchers in the retail meat industry, retroactive to December 1951, Union Executive Secretary Earl A. Moorhead reported.

For the year December 1951 to December 1952, the benefits are figured at \$23 a week, increasing to \$30 in December 1952.

The payments are made possible from surplus monies in the life insurance fund. Payments are subject to change at any time.

Baldwin, Eide At S. F. Parley

Business agents of carpenter unions in Salinas and Monterey went to San Francisco last Friday to attend the legislative conference called by the California State Federation of Labor.

Harvey Baldwin, of Salinas Local 925, and Thomas Eide, of Monterey Local 1323, attended the session and heard reports from the Federation on legislation termed favorable and unfavorable to labor unionism.

Engineers B.A. Seriously Ill

R. A. Christensen, business agent for the Operating Engineers Union in this area, was rushed to a San Jose hospital last weekend with a heart ailment, friends reported. No details were available. His office secretary, Jeannette Zoccolli, was handling affairs for this area temporarily from her office in San Jose.

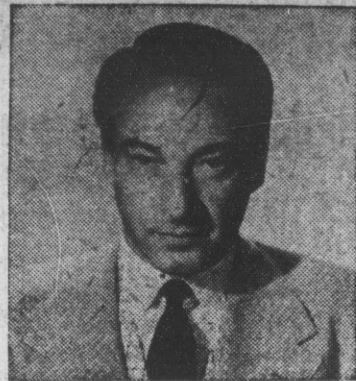
Legion Slates Birthday Fete

Cecil M. Anderson Post of the American Legion will observe its 10th anniversary on Thursday with a pot-luck dinner at the Legion Clubhouse, Salinas Air Base, according to Jimmie Butler, secretary of Barbers Union 827 and an officer in the legion.

Butler said the dinner will start at 6:30 o'clock and urged all members and guests to bring a hot dish or salad.

Steelworkers Lose Plea for Quick Ruling On Strike Injunction

Washington (LPA)—The U. S. Supreme Court refused Jan. 5 to make an immediate ruling on the constitutionality of the national emergency provision of the Taft-Hartley Act, under which 1,500 striking Steelworkers at Dunkirk, N. Y., had been forced back to work. The union, in the first court test of the provision, had urged an immediate decision on its appeal from a ruling by a federal district judge who issued an 80-day T-H injunction.



VICTOR BOURGE coming to the Curran Theatre, San Francisco, in person, for two weeks beginning March 1st, in his Concert in Comedy.

5-Year Contracts May Bar Elections, Labor Board Rules

Washington (LPA)—Five-year contracts may act as a bar to representation elections, the National Labor Relations Board has ruled, reversing a previous position that had limited such bars to three years.

The board dismissed four petitions by three unions and an individual at plants involving three companies and as many incumbent unions. All of the contracts involved had been executed in 1950 and had until 1955 to run.

The pilot case was filed by the individual at the General Motors transmission plant at Detroit, with the CIO United Auto Workers as intervenor. The three other decisions, handed down at the same time but based on the GM transmission case, dismissed the petitions of Local 125, AFL Firemen & Oilers, at the General Motors spark plug plant in Milwaukee, where the UAW has a contract; the United Plant Guard Workers at the Bendix auto parts division at South Bend, Ind., with the Bendix Industrial Police Association as intervenor, and by Local 248, UAW-CIO, at Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co. at West Allis, Wis., with the AFL Firemen & Oilers as intervenor.

In its unanimous opinion, the board said, "We believe the time has arrived when stability of labor relations can be better served without unreasonably restricting employees in their right to change representatives, by holding as a bar collective bargaining agreements even for five years' duration when, as here, a substantial part of the industry concerned is covered by contracts with a similar term."

The NLRB traced the history of its policy in the matter from the 1930s, when collective bargaining was being developed under the protection of the Wagner Act. At that time it held that any contract of more than a year could not operate as a bar to an election because, then, "the board laid greater emphasis on the right of the workers to select their representatives frequently than upon prolonged adherence to a bargaining agent once chosen."

By 1947 it recognized the value of two-year contracts and declared that, under certain circumstances, three-year pacts might bar elections for the full term.

In going to five years, the board recognized two conflicting interests—"stabilizing labor relations for the duration of a contract secured through bona fide bargaining and protecting the exercise by employees of full freedom of designation of representatives of their own choosing."

Reform or Get Out, AFL Council Tells Longshoremen's Union

Miami Beach, Fla. (LPA)—The AFL Executive Council on Feb. 3 told the officers and members of the International Longshoremen's Association to get rid of "all racketeering, crime, corruption and other irregular activities" or get out of the AFL. The union was given 90 days to do the job. The Council dubbed President Eisenhower's State of the Union message "loaded with potential danger."

CLARK WRITES SOCIAL SECURITY ARTICLE SERIES

A. J. Clark, secretary of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas has prepared a series of articles on social security, which will be printed in the LABOR NEWS. First article follows:

Nine out of ten persons are now covered by social security or at least have a social security number—just in case.

The Salinas office of the Social Security Administration reports that 21 per cent of the employers who failed to properly report social security numbers correctly or didn't report the number at all are cafe, restaurant and tavern owners. There is no reason why we should be in this category.

The social security card is like an insurance policy. It is the key to the social security account. If no number, or an incorrect number is reported, the employee doesn't receive credit for his wages. When this happens, the employee may be deprived of unemployment compensation as well as credit on his old-age and survivors retirement or death benefits.

We all know that we have to report the social security number and wages for each employee every three months and remit the 3 per cent tax. Half of this tax has been withheld from the worker, and although the employer reports and pays the tax, nobody profits from it if there is no social security account number to which the money may be credited.

The worker should show his card to each employer when he enters a job, but it is still the employer's responsibility to get the number and report it exactly as shown on the card.

Valley Baseball League to Have Six Crack Teams

Salinas Valley Baseball League will have six good teams this year, according to Jimmie Butler, secretary of Salinas Barbers Union 827 and a commissioner of the league.

Managers of the teams met in Soledad last week, re-elected Butler as commissioner, scheduled the season play as Sundays from April 12 to July 26, and listed the teams and managers as follows:

San Ardo, Julie Wittman; Gonzales, Fred Vosli; Soledad, Verne Gutierrez; Greenfield, Aldo del Ponte; King City manager not named; and Salinas, Johnny Sigala.

Building Trades Get Jobless Pay

Detroit (LPA)—Nearly 2,000 Detroit AFL building tradesmen, twice denied unemployment compensation benefits, have now become eligible, thanks to the perseverance of the Detroit Building Trades Council.

The entire list of about 4000 cases stems from the long carpenters' strike last spring, which halted construction work in the area.

Although not directly involved, the claimants for jobless pay were disqualified and a re-determination hearing upheld the original decision. Appealing to the Michigan Employment Security Commission referees, the BTC has been successful to the extent that most of the rulings have been for a four-week period.

Five MESCC referees are hearing the cases in rotation, clearing up an average of 175 each week.

Ike's 'Must' Program Omits Tax Cuts

Washington (LPA)—After a huddle with GOP Congressional leaders, President Eisenhower announced an 11-point legislative program, which included amendment of the Taft-Hartley act, but made no mention of tax cuts.